



Rhode Island House of Representatives  
Members of the House Corporations Committee  
Representative Soloman, Chair

June 16, 2025

**In opposition to H6418: Creating A Special Legislative Commission to Study and Provide Recommendations for Increasing the use and Building the Infrastructure for Alternative Fuels**

Dear Chair Soloman and Committee Members:

The more than 3,500 members of Climate Action Rhode Island (CARI)—a grassroots group working for the just transition to renewable energy—strongly urge you to oppose the passage H6418, or at the minimum, change the membership of this commission so the report it produces is more likely to be credible and useful to Rhode Island.

The history of biofuels is of them being oversold with their benefits exaggerated and their costs minimized. These costs include the projected price per unit of energy delivered but also their environmental, ecological, climate and social impacts. These industries often are profitable to the owners, but not beneficial, especially in the long term to society. Given the short time between the introduction of this bill and this hearing I do not have time to provide detail on these points.

Our other complaint about this bill is the make-up of the commission itself. It will be dominated by the leaders of exactly the industry that it is supposed to study and report on. Although they might have useful knowledge, they will be inherently biased. The membership of this commission must include individuals that have the expertise to consider and quantify the larger implications of the use of these energy options, especially on our ability to decarbonize our energy system and meet our Act on Climate goals. This commission should include members with expertise in wind and solar energy systems and the environmental impacts of these energy sources. Without this balance the conclusions of this commission will be inherently compromised and untrustworthy and will rightfully be ignored by other stakeholders and the Rhode Island public.

Respectively submitted,

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